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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This convalescent home is $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories high and 3 bays wide. Six Ionic columns support the front verandah and carry a dentilated entablature with modilions and symmetrical jigsaw brackets about the columns. Symmetrical fenestration punctuates the facade. All the rectangular windows are double or single hung with squared central lights surrounded by contiguous small panes which are squared at each corner. A left offset gable and 3 roof dormers accent the gently pitched roof.

Five brick steps lead to the front entrance. The wide double doors with tracery in the upper section of the 3/3/3 lights. Seven vertical, rectangular lights cap the entrance, which is enframed by pilasters carrying a simple entablature.

On either side of the door are 2 windows. Those on the left side are separated by a wide brick projection.

A horizontal wooden beam fence and porch (a new addition) mounts the porch roof. The central 2nd story window is a tripartite grouping capped by a segmental keystoned brick arch encloses a tympanum. The middle rectangular window is separated from the vertical sidelights by wooden mullions. On either side of this window are 2 windows capped by brick segmental arches enclosing small tympanums.

On the left side of the 2nd story is a wooden straight side fire escape leading to the right window in the offset gable. A boxed cornice defines the lower roofline.

The 2 windows in the offset gable are identical to those below in the 2nd floor. Another boxed cornice accents the gable roof. The 3nd dormers to the right are gabled, with returns. The 2 right windows below; the right window, however, carries 6/6 lights. Two straight brick chimneys saddle the roof between the dormers.

The west facade holds 2 Queen Anne windows, and a left bay oriel window. The western back facade is part of an older building. The rectangular windows with sills and segmentally arched lintels have 6/6 lights. A one-story mid-section is mounted by an open porch with wooden railings. The roof is crowned by a boxed cornice.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ashburton House was the country estate of the Gittings House for almost 100 years. Named after Lord Ashburton, a British respresentative at the Canadian boundary dispute, which Mr. Gittings attended on behalf of the United States, the glacious country was constructed in 2 phases.

John Gittings helped build the rear section in 1842. The career front wing was added in 1872 and was designed after plans of "Randolph of Annapolis".

The house remained part of the "Ashburton Reservation" when the estate was sold in the early 1920's for residential development. Vacant for many years, it became a convalescent home in the 1960's.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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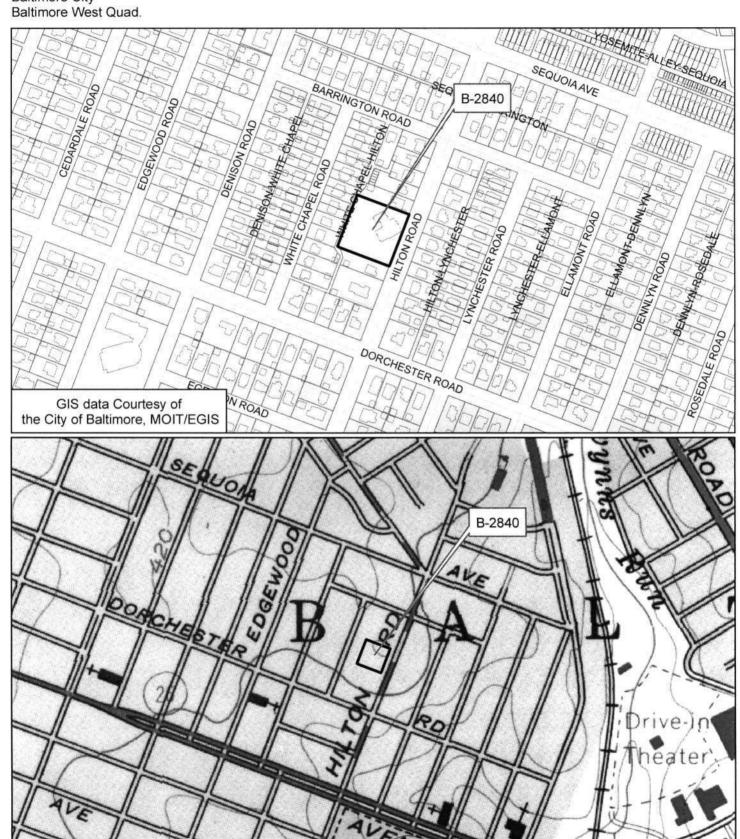
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